

# State Water Resources Control Board Order No 2003-0003-DWQ

A statewide order prescribing general waste discharge requirements for discharges to land with a low threat to water quality.

<http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/resdec/wqorders/2003/wqo/wqo2003-0003.pdf>

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## Categories of Discharge

- Well development discharge;
- **Monitoring well purge water discharge;**
- **Boring waste discharge;**
- Clear water discharges;
- Small dewatering projects;
- Small inert solid waste disposal operations;
- Cooling Discharge

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## Categories of Discharge

### **Attachment 1, Definitions:**

**Monitoring well purge water discharge is *any discharge of well water to land in the immediate vicinity of the monitoring well site* during monitoring well sampling.**

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## Discharge Specifications

**B. Discharges *except monitoring well purge water and boring waste discharges* shall not contain concentrations of pollutants in excess of Basin Plan groundwater quality objectives.**

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## Provisions

**C.2 Discharges of boring waste, drilling mud, and cuttings from well-drilling operations *shall be discharged to on-site sumps* and shall not contain halogenated solvents.**

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**C.3 Monitoring well purge water *shall be discharged at the monitoring well facility and shall not degrade underlying groundwater. Monitoring well purge water shall not be discharged in a manner causing ponding or threatening a discharge to surface waters.***

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**A monitoring well facility is defined as a facility where monitoring well(s) have been installed to monitor the migration or levels of a pollutant or the effects and/or migration of a particular discharge. (footnote 8)**

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**C.8 Discharges of liquids derived from the purging, development, or sampling of groundwater from monitoring wells *shall not contain nonaqueous phase liquids* (i.e., concentrations of pollutants above the solubility limits).**



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## Monitoring Requirements

Category	Constituents	Frequency
Purge water	Constituents that the monitoring well is used to monitor.	Consistent with the frequency of groundwater monitoring.

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The annual fee is \$800